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Ref: 804-22788

Honorable James H. Welsh  
Commissioner of Conservation  
Post Office Box 94275  
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Re: Hearing Application  
ROBULUS ZONE, RESERVOIR A  
ROBULUS ZONE, RESERVOIR B  
17300' SAND, RESERVOIR A  
17300' SAND, RESERVOIR B  
17900' SAND, Reservoir B  
HORSESHOE BAYOU FIELD  
St. Mary Parish, Louisiana  
Applicant: Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Robulus Zone, Reservoirs A and B, 17300' Sand, Reservoirs A and B, 17900' Sand, Reservoir B, Horseshoe Bayou Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

**Robulus Zone, Reservoir A**

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 738 acres for the Robulus Zone, Reservoir A, designated as the ROBU RA SUA, Horseshoe Bayou Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. The Robulus Zone, Reservoir A is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone between the measured depths of 12,850 feet and 13,472 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Humble Oil & Refining-M. Wooster No. B-33 Well, in the Bayou Sale Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, located in Section 14, Township 16 South, Range 9 East and is further defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone between the measured depths of 18,325 feet and 20,870 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Texaco Inc.-State Lease 5045 No. 1 Well, in Horseshoe Bayou Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, located in Township 17 South, Range 9 East.

**Robulus Zone, Reservoir B**

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 674 acres for the Robulus Zone, Reservoir B, designated as the ROBU RB SUA, Horseshoe Bayou Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;

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2. The Robulus Zone, Reservoir A is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone between the measured depths of 12,850 feet and 13,472 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Humble Oil & Refining-M. Wooster No. B-33 Well, in the Bayou Sale Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, located in Section 14, Township 16 South, Range 9 East and is further defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone between the measured depths of 18,325 feet and 20,870 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Texaco Inc.-State Lease 5045 No. 1 Well, in Horseshoe Bayou Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, located in Township 17 South, Range 9 East.

**For the Above Zones**

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing;

**17300' Sand, Reservoir A**

1. To dissolve the existing drilling and production units created as the 17300' Sand, Reservoirs A and B, by Office of Conservation Order No. 864-K, effective July 22, 1997 and to simultaneously create a revised single drilling and production unit of approximately 674 acres for the 17300' Sand, Reservoir A, designated as the 17300' RA SUA, Horseshoe Bayou Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To permit applicant, Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP to designate, drill and utilize the Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP-St. Mary Land & Exploration Company 24 No. 1 Well as a substitute unit well for the 17300' RA SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
3. To designate Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company LP as the operator of the 17300 RA SUA;
4. To find that this well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the reservoir covered by the unit which cannot be effectively and efficiently drained by any existing well within such unit;
5. To find that, except to the extent contrary to the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 864-K, shall remain in full force and effect.
6. The 17300' Sand, Reservoir A was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 864-K, effective July 22, 1997.

**17300' Sand, Reservoir B**

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 738 acres for the 17300' Sand, Reservoir B, designated as the 17300' RB SUA, Horseshoe Bayou Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. The 17300' Sand, Reservoir B was previously defined by Office of Conservation Order No. 864-K, effective July 22, 1997.

17900' Sand, Reservoir B

1. To create a single drilling and production unit of approximately 738 acres for the 17900' Sand, Reservoir B, designated as the 17900' RB SUA, Horseshoe Bayou Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. The 17900' Sand, Reservoir A was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 864-L, effective August 18, 1998.

For the 17300' Sand, Reservoir B and 17900' Sand, Reservoir B

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the said unit;
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation;
3. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing;

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated November 11, 2004 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2004. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.


Attached hereto and made a part hereof are plats outlining the above units, Horseshoe Bayou Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. David Comeaux of Leon Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Louisiana 70005 (337) 233-9839.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$2,265.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

  
William F. Bailey

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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson  
District Manager  
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and  
Interested Parties

